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Title: Need to secure the release of persons from Kerala held hostage by Somalian pirates.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Sir I would like to bring to the notice of the Government the unfortunate instances that have taken place.

Sir two persons from Kerala – one Abdul Jabbar in Uppalla in Kasrgod district, another one Shri Anup in Mattannur in Kannur district – were the workers of a ship. About two months or one and a half months' back, they were traveling in the ship. There is no information about them and it is not clear whether they are missing or not. It is understood that they have become the victims of the pirates. We came to know about such instances from the newspapers also. The families have given their representations to the State as well as to the Centre. However, no action has been taken so far in this case. The family members of these persons are in a very pathetic condition.

So, I request the Government to intervene in this matter.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri Santosh Gangwar – not present.